

rendering him so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, the monthly pension shall be \$176.25.

“(n) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss of two extremities so near the shoulder or hip as to prevent the use of a prosthetic appliance or has suffered the anatomical loss of both eyes, the monthly pension shall be \$198.75.

“(o) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered disability under conditions which would entitle him to two or more of the rates provided in one or more of the subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part II, paragraph II, of this Regulation, no condition being considered twice in the determination, or has suffered total deafness in combination with total blindness with 5/200 visual acuity or less, the monthly pension shall be \$225.

“(p) In the event the disabled person’s service-incurred disabilities exceed the requirements for any of the rates prescribed herein, the Administrator, in his discretion, may allow the next higher rate or an intermediate rate, but in no event in excess of \$225.”

SEC. 3. The increased rates provided by this Act shall be effective from the first day of the first month following the passage of this Act, and shall be deemed to include the 15 per centum increase in the rate of compensation or pension payable for service-incurred disability under section 1, Public Law 312, Seventy-eighth Congress, May 27, 1944, or Public Law 469, Seventy-eighth Congress, December 7, 1944.

Approved September 20, 1945.

Effective date of increased rates.

58 Stat. 229, 797.
38 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 471a-1, 471a-2.

[CHAPTER 382]

AN ACT

To authorize the sale of certain public lands in Alaska to the Catholic bishop of Alaska, in trust for the Roman Catholic Church.

September 24, 1945
[H. R. 1992]
[Public Law 183]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Catholic bishop of Alaska, in trust for the Roman Catholic Church, is hereby authorized for a period of one year from and after the effective date of this Act to purchase, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to convey to the bishop, for use as a shrine and for religious and recreational purposes, the following-described public lands situated in the Tongass National Forest, in Alaska :

Alaska.
Sale of certain lands authorized.

Two tracts of land situated at approximately latitude fifty-eight degrees twenty-eight minutes north, longitude one hundred and thirty-four degrees forty-eight minutes west, the said tracts consisting of tract A, of which the area is forty-five and twenty-seven one-hundredths acres, and tract B, or Shrine Island, of which the area is one and fourteen one-hundredths acres, the specific boundaries of said tracts to be those defined by a survey executed by Charles H. Forward, forester, on May 19, 1945, the field notes and plat of said survey being of record in the office of the Forest Service at Juneau, Alaska.

Description.

SEC. 2. That the conveyance shall be made upon the payment by the said bishop for the land at its reasonable appraised price of not less than \$1.25 per acre, to be fixed jointly by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture: *Provided*, That the conveyance hereby authorized shall not include any land covered by a valid existing right initiated under the public-land laws or found by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to be needed for public purposes: *Provided further*, That the coal and other mineral deposits in the land shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Purchase price.

Lands excluded.

Reservation of mineral rights.

Approved September 24, 1945.

[CHAPTER 383]

AN ACT

September 24, 1945
[S. 374]
[Public Law 184]

To amend the Act of October 29, 1919, entitled "An Act to punish the transportation of stolen motor vehicles in interstate or foreign commerce."

National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, amendments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2, subsection (a), of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act (41 Stat. 324; 18 U. S. C. 408), is amended by adding the following new language at the end thereof: "and the term 'aircraft' means any contrivance now known or hereafter invented, used, or designed for navigation of or for flight in the air".

41 Stat. 325,
18 U. S. C. § 408.

SEC. 2. Sections 3, 4, and 5 of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act are amended by adding after the words "motor vehicle" wherever they appear therein, the words "or aircraft".

Title.

SEC. 3. The title of the Act of October 29, 1919, is amended to read "An Act to punish the transportation of stolen motor vehicles or aircraft in interstate or foreign commerce".

Approved September 24, 1945.

[CHAPTER 384]

AN ACT

September 24, 1945
[S. 397]
[Public Law 185]

To provide for the presentation of medals to members of the United States Antarctic Expedition of 1939-1941.

U. S. Antarctic Expedition of 1939-41. Medals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized and directed to cause to be made at the United States mint such number of gold, silver, and bronze medals of appropriate design as he may deem appropriate and necessary, to be presented to members of the United States Antarctic Expedition of 1939-1941, in recognition of their valuable services to the Nation in the field of polar exploration and science.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved September 24, 1945.

[CHAPTER 385]

AN ACT

September 24, 1945
[S. 1045]
[Public Law 186]

To provide for pay and allowances and transportation and subsistence of personnel discharged or released from the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard because of under age at the time of enlistment, and for other purposes.

Navy, Marine Corps, and reserve components.

Under-age personnel.
Discharge pay and allowances.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may discharge or release from the Navy, Marine Corps, and the reserve components thereof, with pay and allowances and discharge certificate found appropriate for their service after enlistment, enlisted persons who heretofore have secured or hereafter may secure enlistment by reason of false statement of age on their applications for enlistment and have therefore been enlisted while under the minimum statutory or administrative age limit. When so discharged or released such enlisted persons shall be furnished transportation in kind and subsistence from the place of discharge to their home.

Coast Guard.

SEC. 2. Whenever the Coast Guard is operating as a part of the Navy the provisions of this Act shall be applicable to personnel of the Coast Guard, exclusive of temporary members of the Coast Guard Reserve on active duty without full military pay and allowances. When the Coast Guard is operating under the Treasury Department,